

[No on Proposition 27 Ballot Arguments]

We have a clear choice to make with Proposition 27.

Next year, new election districts will be drawn.

If we vote "NO" on Proposition 27, legislative districts are drawn by the independent Citizens Redistricting Commission voters approved in 2008.

If we vote "yes" on Proposition 27, the independent Citizens Redistricting Commission will be eliminated and Sacramento politicians will draw their own districts to protect their jobs, just like they've done in the past.

#### NO ON 27 - STOP POLITICIANS FROM GUTTING VOTER-APPROVED REFORMS

In 2008, voters passed Proposition 11 -- ending the practice of legislators drawing their own election districts so they'd be elected year after year, having little incentive to solve problems, and remaining unaccountable to voters.

Under Proposition 11, voters created the independent Citizens Redistricting Commission to draw fair districts so legislators would be accountable to voters. The commission is completely transparent and includes Democrats, Republicans and independents and must be representative of all Californians. Learn more: [www.wedrawthelines.ca.gov](http://www.wedrawthelines.ca.gov)

Now a who's who list of incumbent politicians has used millions of special interest dollars to bankroll Proposition 27 so they can kill voter-approved redistricting reforms and return the drawing of districts to

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politicians. They'll spend and say whatever it takes to pass Proposition 27 so they can remain unaccountable to voters.

## NO ON 27 - STOP BACKROOM DEALS THAT PROTECT POLITICIANS, HURT VOTERS

The Los Angeles Times and Orange County Register revealed that in the last redistricting, politicians paid one political consultant over ONE MILLION dollars to draw districts to protect their seats.

With Prop. 27, politicians want to return us to the days when legislators hired consultants to draw bizarrely-shaped districts behind closed doors, dividing up cities and communities just to guarantee their reelection.

*"By pushing Proposition 27, politicians want to silence voters so they don't have to address the tough problems our state faces."*

*- Maria Luisa Vela, Los Angeles Hispanic Chamber of Commerce*

## THE POLITICIANS' CLAIMS DON'T STAND UP

Proposition 27 is not about saving money. Politicians want safe districts and will spend every taxpayer and special interest dollar they can to bankroll consultants and draw district lines to protect themselves.

And Proposition 27 is not about empowering voters. Voters can ALREADY reject legislative redistricting plans through the referendum process, regardless of Prop. 27.

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Proposition 27 is really about the politicians wanting to keep power!

*"Voters approved redistricting reforms to make the system fair - we need to stop politicians from passing Proposition 27 and taking us back to the days when politicians drew districts to protect themselves."*

*- Kathay Feng, California Common Cause*

Redistricting WILL happen in 2011. The question is whether it will be done by an INDEPENDENT CITIZENS REDISTRICTING COMMISSION or by POLITICIANS seeking to keep themselves in office.

- NO on Proposition 27 keeps the power with voters and the voter-approved independent Citizens Redistricting Commission.
- Yes on Proposition 27 gives power back to Sacramento politicians to draw districts so they're virtually guaranteed reelection.

Vote "NO" on Proposition 27.

[www.NoProp27.org](http://www.NoProp27.org)

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